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FOLLOWING REPEAT JAKARTA 17217 ACTION SECSTATE 23 DEC 77

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 17217

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, EAGR, ID

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS SIDE LETTER TO PL 480 AGREEMENTS

REF: STATE 304844

1. LOGISTICS BOARD HEAD GENERAL ARIFIN CALLED AGATTACHE LATE THIS AFTERNOON (DEC 23) TO REPORT THAT MINISTER OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WIDJOJO NITISASTRO HAD ORDERED HIM TO HOLD UP REQUEST FOR PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATIONS UNDER TITLE I PL 480 AGREEMENT UNTIL U.S. OFFICIAL DENIAL WAS RECEIVED OF STATEMENT CARRIED IN DEC 18 NEW YORK TIMES AND ATTRIBUTED TO DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL THAT ACCEPTANCE OF NEW HUMAN RIGHTS LANGUAGE IN PL 480 AGREEMENT CONSTITUTED ADMISSION THAT SIGNATORY WAS IN VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.
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ARIFIN EXPLAINED THAT INDONESIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD TRANSMITTED ARTICLE AND REPORTED CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING IT WITH THREE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, TWO OF WHOM WERE NON-COMMITTAL AND ONE OF WHOM DENIED NYT REPORT. ARIFIN ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD REFUTE NYT ALLEGATIONS.

2. WE INFORMED ARIFIN OF PRESS GUIDANCE TRANSMITTED REFTEL AND, AT

HIS REQUEST, PROVIDED HIM IN WRITING FIRST TWO RESPONSES CONTAINED
PARA ONE REFTEL.

3. ARIFIN PLANNED TO SHOW PRESS GUIDANCE TO WIDJOJO
THIS EVENING. HE INDICATED WIDJOJO MIGHT INSIST ON USG PUBLIC
STATEMENT BEFORE INDONESIA WOULD PROCEED WITH PROCUREMENT UNDER
PL-480 AGREEMENT.

4. WE ARE UNCERTAIN AT THIS MOMENT HOW WIDJOJO WILL PROCEED,
BUT WANT TO ALERT DEPARTMENT TO DISTINCT POSSIBILITY THAT EMBASSY
OR DEPARTMENT WILL BE ASKED TO ISSUE PUBLIC REFUTATION OF NYT
ARTICLE.
MASTERS
UNQUOTE VANCE".

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